

Children's Hospice Services

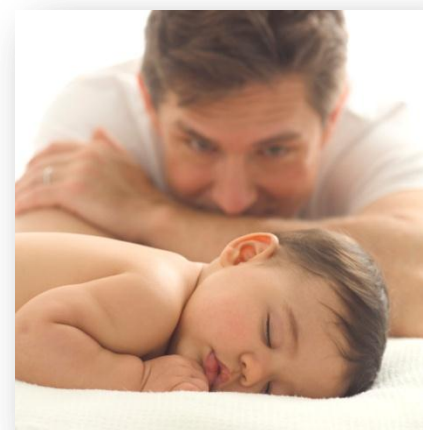


PURPOSE:

The goal of this program is to support families so they can care for their children in their homes as long as possible avoiding lengthy hospital stays and delaying or avoiding institutional care. The program also allows families to access treatments that focus on curative and comfort care for their child.

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*Supporting families as they
care for their children at home.*

For information,
call: 701-328-4630

Who would benefit?

- Any child and family who receives a "life-limiting" diagnosis from a doctor.
- Any child and family who needs hospice services while continuing to look for treatment and a cure for their child.

Who is Eligible?

- Children birth to their 22nd birthday.
- Any child who has received a diagnosis and is not expected to live longer than one year.

Other Details

- Enrollment is limited to 30 children per year.
- Each child must have a letter from a Primary Doctor stating "life limiting" diagnosis.

Services Provided

Case Management: A registered nurse will help a family get services needed, plan for emergencies and complete necessary paperwork.

Services Provided (continued)

- **Skilled Nursing:** Nurses provide services that may be preventative, curative and restorative. This service is available after other Medicaid limits have been reached.
- **Hospice:** This service is similar to traditional hospice except for the continued curative measures, and service is available after other Medicaid limits have been reached.
- **Palliative care:** This is supportive health care given to children to meet their physical, emotional, spiritual and social stresses experienced during illness.
- **Respite:** Aide provides respite and help for a caregiver to complete routine daily activities within the home.
- **Expressive Therapy:** Therapist use art activities to help children and their siblings to express and explore their emotions illness.
- **Grief Counseling:** Counseling services are available for a family before and after the death of a child.
- **Equipment & Supplies:** A service to purchase adaptive devices and supplies that can assist a child to stay home.

To Access Services

- Contact the program manager at 1-701-328-4630 to complete an application. (use state form # 743, online at: <http://www.nd.gov/eform/743>)
- Obtain a letter from the child's doctor describing the "life-limiting" diagnosis.
- Complete the "Level of Care" determination with the help of a program manager.
- Once "Level of Care" is approved; a Hospice doctor from a Hospice agency of your choice will confirm the diagnosis as "life-limiting".
- Child is enrolled in Medicaid to ensure payment.

